



"Chow Time" at Camp Hemlock, Michigan

Camp Hemlock '75 Tremendous Success

Twenty people attended Camp Hemlock the week of August 10th and all lamented when the week came to a close.

Sports were very much in evidence and nearly all blind campers participated.

Some went swimming for the first time in eight years and found the experience very delightful. All campers went in the water every day whether they were swimmers or "waders" as part of their daily schedule.

Boating, too, brought much enthusiasm, as most attendees went sailing, canoeing, rowing and even speedboating. These were new experiences to some of the folks and they found them thrilling.

Other events included horseback riding, archery, horseshoes, basketball, shuffleboard, bingo, arts, crafts and cards.

Highlights of the week were a hayride, a visit to the farm where some campers even tried to milk a cow, skit presentations and group singing around the fireplace.

To top the week off, crowning ceremonies were held on Friday night for their newly elected king and queen who were sighted campers—King Don Rolf and Queen Carol Norwood.

On Friday evening, awards were also given to campers for such feats as "Best Bell Ringer," "Best Boat Rider," "Best Bingo Caller," etc. Every camper received an award for endeavor.



Pulling into the dock from an afternoon of sailing.

Do You Remember —Tom Whittaker?

Downtowners and those who came downtown occasionally surely can well remember the blind man, always accompanied by his guide dog, who sold newspapers at the corner of Madison Avenue and Superior Street. That was Tom Whittaker. He and his canine companion have certainly been missed for the past few years.

Not too long ago, a kind friend of Tom's posted a sign on the doghouse which still stands on the corner downtown. The sign says "Blind Tom is lonely in Hillhaven Rest Home, 2051 Collingwood Avenue. Would you please spare him some of your time?"

Any of our readers who could take a few minutes out of their busy days, to stop in and see Tom, would be doing him a great kindness. He is very lonely and would appreciate a visit.

Those Were The Days!

WOULD YOU BELIEVE

These Prices Were Advertised In The Toledo Blade of 11/12/35?

REAL ESTATE

DeVilbiss High District—5 Room Bungalow	\$2,000
Macomber near Auburn—2 Stories	\$2,250
Acme Place—Bungalow—5 Rooms	\$3,400
Whittier School District—6 Rooms	\$4,250
Georgetown Ave.—6 Rooms	\$4,900
Sherbrook Drive—6 Rooms	\$4,450

FOOD

ROAST OF BEEF	24c Per Pound
LEG OF LAMB	24c Per Pound
LOBSTERS	45c Per Pound
COFFEE	3 Pounds for .54c
FLOUR	24 1/2 Lb. Bag \$1.05
ORANGES	Dozen 16c

CLOTHING

NAME BRAND SHOES	from \$1.98
NAME BRAND SUITS	from \$12.75
NAME BRAND COATS	from \$16.95
DRESSES WITH JACKETS	from \$7.75

ENTERTAINMENT

Top Downtown Theater Night Prices	40c
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Volunteers Needed

Toledo and area has many blind shut-in's. Volunteers are badly needed to visit these people occasionally. Won't you call the Society at 241-1183 and be a visiting volunteer?

Have a purpose in life, and having it, throw into your work such strength of mind and muscle as God has given you.

—Thomas Carlyle

the Toledo Society for the Blind

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A Community Chest Agency

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Let There Be Light ... And There Was Light—Genesis 1:3

The ancient scrolls tell the Creation story.



John Goerlich, President
Toledo Society for the Blind

First Came Light

But many people, through no fault of their own, cannot experience God's gift of light—nor can they read . . . in the usual sense of the word.

Many of these people are elderly and the reason for this is understandable—people are living longer today and glaucoma, diabetes and cataracts develop more frequently in

the latter years of life. Some authorities say that about 50 percent of the legally blind are 60 years of age or older, so a real need exists and you, our readers, can help.

How? By giving to the Toledo Society for the Blind. Your gifts can be cash or practically anything of value. We will give you a receipt and the amount is fully deductible from your income tax. Or, you can include us in your Will. Your insurance man or attorney can tell you how to handle this, or, we have an attorney on our Board of Trustees who will be glad to assist you.

If you could witness, as I have, the appreciation by the nearsighted and blind of the services the Society furnishes, a contribution to the Toledo Society for the Blind would be unhesitating and generous.

1975 Holiday Card Program

It's approaching the time again when, even though it is only September, our thoughts turn toward holiday planning.

With you, our readers, in mind, we have again this year chosen three holiday greeting cards which we feel are attractive. We hope they meet with your approval. Each year since the inception of our Holiday Card Program, we have, with discretion, endeavored to select cards that can be used for family, business or religious purposes. This year is no exception.

Even though our Holiday Card Program has greatly felt the impact of inflation, we will continue our present format of not sending invoices to our purchasers. In turn, we ask you to make a contribution worthy of the cost of the cards you select

and anything over this amount that you care to contribute is tax deductible.

Your contributions have been gratefully received through the years of our Holiday Card Program. Our appreciation goes to all of you who have ordered our cards, for without your contributions we could not continue many of our important programs such as summer camp, eye screening, medical clinic at St. Vincent Hospital and family night. These are not provided for by the United Way.

The cards are easy to order. Choose from one or more of these samples, fill out the enclosed post-paid order card and drop it in the mail. If you wish, the cards may be imprinted with your name, but please add \$4.50 per card selection for this extra service.

TOLEDO SOCIETY FOR THE BLIND SOCIAL SERVICE REPORT July, 1975		
Case Count:		
Blind	845	
Sight Conservation	662	
New Cases ... Sight Conservation 3 ... Blind 2	9	
Closed Cases	1	
Total Number of Cases	1,507	
Mr. Donald G. Norwood, Executive Director		
Eye Examinations and/or Glasses Authorized	5	
Mrs. Rosalyn Snow, Personal Adjustment Instructor		
Clients in Training	9	
Canes Issued	5	
Vacation - 2 weeks		
Ms. Despina Chakmaki, Social Worker		
Home Visits	22	
Office Interviews	51	
Telephone Contacts	311	
Referrals to Other Agencies	7	
Referrals from Other Agencies	16	
Letters In	11	
Letters Out	10	
Staffings	21	
Agency Contacts	55	
Transportation	2	
Attended: 7/1 Seminar on new youth serving programs in the community; 7/3 Workers' breakfast; 7/15 & 7/29 Seminars on new programs serving the elderly.		
Mrs. Kay Dix, Friendly Visitor		
Phone Calls	10	
Mrs. Ethel Lewis, Telephone Visitor		
Phone Calls	30	
Mrs. Loretta Turner, Talking Book Service		
Talking Book Machines out last month	1,293	
" " " issued to new clients	15	
" " " cancelled	19	
" " " repaired by Telephone Pioneers	20	
" " " in service	1,289	
Industrial Workers		
Club Activities, etc. 3	96	
Customer Braille Sales, Society Sales and Miscellaneous Sales	23	
Other Services	45	
Total Number of Persons Contacted	771	
Volunteers for July:		
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Messrs. Edwards, William Miller, Pletz, Wilkins and Varner		

Shown above is a reprint of an average monthly Social Service Report for the Society.

Blind Bowling Going Strong

The visually handicapped are avid bowlers and possess great patience in learning the game. As a matter of fact, some work very hard and have been able to achieve an average of 165.

There are two leagues of blind bowlers. The "Buckeye Bowlers" began their Wednesday evening league on September 3rd and the "Toledo Blind Bowlers" started to roll on Saturday afternoon, September 6th. Both leagues bowl at the Sports Center and will continue through the winter.

Summer Bowling Also Popular

Mrs. Loretta Turner and Paul Noel, both of the Toledo Society for the Blind, assisted by Mrs. Turner's husband, Ed, organize and bowl in the summer league each year. This summer they bowled at Westland Lanes.

The summer league is comprised of 40 blind bowlers and sighted guides. Fun Night, always held on the last night of bowling, is also awards night. This year awards went to Dick Henry for high game over average and first place team winners were Carol Norwood, Gus Petroff and Dave Krieger.

The Sign Post



President Ford has proclaimed October 15th as White Cane Safety Day. He has asked that motorists and bicyclists be particularly aware of pedestrians using white canes.

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Zenobia Temple, again, this year invited the Society to be their guests at the Shrine Circus which was held in April. There were 38 attendees.

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The United States Congress and various State Legislatures are very aware of the pressing needs of the visually handicapped and, consequently, are constantly updating legislation for their betterment.

If anyone knows of visually handicapped persons who have a problem or problems they cannot solve, please have them call Miss Despina Chakmaki, the Society's social worker, at 241-1183. She will be able to help or advise where to get it.



I've Heard

by Don Wolfe

—as it appeared in
THE BLADE, June 30, 1975

Realistic Touch

A movie. "Tommy," is about a deaf and blind boy who learns to play a pinball machine with great skill. When the movie opened at the Cinema theaters, the managing director, John Kukawinski, put a pinball machine in the lobby. Theatergoers had a lot of fun playing the machine. Besides, all the money from the machine, provided by William Beckham and Joe Janicki, went to the Toledo Society For the Blind. Mr. Kukawinski turned over \$485 to Don Norwood, executive director of the society.

Reprinted—Courtesy Don Wolfe

Hilda Crandall Retires

—Talking Book Supervisor 10 years

Loretta Turner Named Successor

May 16, 1975 marked the end of 15 years faithful service that Mrs. Hilda Crandall gave to the Toledo Society for the Blind.

Mrs. Crandall had been Talking Book supervisor since May, 1965 when the Society became a sub-lending agency for the Talking Book Program. At the close of her tenure, she proudly professed the Society's Talking Book Program had expanded its services to over 1000 Talking Book users in 21 counties.

The Northwestern Ohio Talking Book Program, incidentally, has been rated as one of the best in the state.

During her years of service, in addition to her regular duties, Hilda Crandall accepted numerous other responsibilities. She also volunteered to serve in many capacities outside of her regular position. For several years she came to work at 7 a.m. on Monday mornings to preside over short prayer meetings for those workers who had expressed a desire to begin their week with devotionals. Mrs. Crandall also acted as cashier for all of the family nights since the inception of the program. This volunteer act required that she remain at the Society the third Wednesday of each month from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

As a token of appreciation for her faithful service, the Society presented Mrs. Crandall with an engraved locket. We certainly want to take this opportunity to, again, extend our thanks and appreciation to Mrs. Hilda Crandall for a great job—well done!

Mrs. Turner Takes Over

As a sequel to this fine service, we are very pleased to tell you that Mrs. Loretta Turner has accepted the supervisor's position of the Talking Book Program. She, too, is doing an excellent job.

Mrs. Turner has been with the Toledo Society for the Blind since November of 1967, basically in a secretarial position. Through these years of devoted service, she has become well versed on all phases of working with the blind, which certainly qualifies her for this position. Willingly, she, too, has spent innumerable hours on projects and programs for which she has volunteered. During many of these hours her fine husband, Ed, has joined her, giving of his time, too.

Prior to coming to the Society, Loretta Turner was employed by the Toledo Pipe Threading Company. She is a native Toledoan and received her business education at Whitney Vocational High School.

It's True . . .

No one is useless in this world who lightens the burdens of it for another.

—Charles Dickens

What's In A Barrel???

• Eyeglasses, Eyeglasses—and then some!



Charles Trauger, left, president of United Savings & Loan Association and member of the Board of Trustees for the Toledo Society for the Blind, presents thousands of used eyeglasses and frames to Donald Norwood, executive director of the Society.

(Photo—Courtesy Jack Ackerman
The Toledo Blade)

For many weeks this summer, the United Savings & Loan Association maintained large barrels at many of their locations for the express purpose of collecting old eyeglasses no longer in use.

The program was well received as area residents responded with thousands of pairs of eyeglasses. These will be shipped to New Eyes for the Needy in Short Hills, New Jersey, where they will be classified according to lens type and then distributed worldwide to the needy.

During the sorting process, the broken metal frames are separated from the good ones and sold for scrap. These proceeds then go to help support a week of recreation for the blind at Camp Hemlock, Michigan.

This is a continuing program, so if any of our readers from time-to-time have eyeglasses that are no longer in use, please send them to the Toledo Society for the Blind.

Would You Like To Spread A Little Joy?

Many advocates of the Toledo Society for the Blind have long remembered a fine gentleman by the name of A. J. Peterman, who served, for many years, on the Society's auditing committee.

Mr. Peterman had the misfortune to break his leg at the knee which necessitated having a 20 lb. cast on his leg. Since he is a small man in stature, such a heavy cast made it nearly impossible for him to navigate on his own.

Due to his mobility problem, he recuperated at the Colonial Nursing Home in Toledo.

He is home now and would like to have visitors and would be pleased if our readers who know him would come to see him or call. If others don't know him and would be kind enough to pay a visit, you'll find him a very pleasant person to talk to.

Won't you spread some joy today?